



STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD

RURAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE PANEL

MEETING June 12, 2019 – SWIB Meeting

ITEM Tour and Panel at Central Montana Medical Center

PANELISTS ***Kristin Tessman***, Facilitator, Montana State Coordinator at American Jobs for America's Youth

Dr. Laura Bennett, Interim Co-CEO and Medical Director, Central Montana Medical Center

Rebecca Morgan, SWIB Board Member, CEO & Founder of Spark Creative LLC, Past State Director for the Montana SHRM Council

Madeline Boehm, Healthcare Program Specialist, Montana Registered Apprenticeship Program

Jeff Friesen, Vice Principal, Fergus High School

INFORMATION Montana's hospitals and healthcare systems are an integral piece of communities throughout the state. As Montana's population continues to age and demand more healthcare services, it will be increasingly important that healthcare employers have access to a qualified healthcare workforce. Hospitals and other healthcare facilities throughout the state are struggling to find qualified applicants to fill positions in most healthcare occupations. Rural hospitals and healthcare centers face additional challenges with recruitment and retention of talented staff. This panel will discuss the landscape of healthcare occupations statewide and discuss the challenges and solutions coming out of rural communities.